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to be ironed out. I can review what the committee amendments do in summary and answer any questions that you might have on them. First of all in the definition of a public body that is covered by the open meetings act, there was some concern expressed at the hearing that the way the language is set it could cover management teams, it could cover a mayor meeting with the department heads or something like this. That was not the intent of the act. I indicated that at the hearing. The committee amendment was development to make sure that management teams could not be included in the definition of public body under the act. This particular definition of a public body also drew some concern because of the possibility of sub-committees being included. It was the general consensus of the committee and I agree with this that sub-committees operate on a very informal level and that quite often they deal with 2 and 3 men sub-committees and would be inappropriate to expect them to comply with the general provisions of an open meetings act so subcommittee acts are specifically excluded by the committee amendments. Another concern that has developed in the hearing was the ability of the public body to close their meetings for an executive session whether they had to close it for specific reasons. This was not the intent of the act. The intent of the act was to give the body the decision making body and close the meeting when they deem it appropriate. There are guidelines established in the bill and some people confuse these guidelines with specific restrictions. They are not restrictions. The committee amendment was developed that they were not restrictions that they are merely guidelines. A fourth concern arose in the committee hearing about the ability of a public body to have an emergency meeting. Right now under our current open meetings law this was probably not possible. In fact the way the law is written if someone were to have an emergency meeting without giving complying to all of the notices and everything, nothing that happened at the notice meeting would be valid if someone were to challenge it. So we did develop in the committee amendments provisions for an emergency meeting. I think that pretty well summarizes the committee amendments and I move their adoption.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch further discussion on the committee amendments?

SENATOR KOCH: I have an amendment up there to the amendments.

PRESIDENT: To the committee amendments?

CLERK: Read Koch amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.